

QUESTION FOR ANSWER ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Three-Language Formula

88. Sri L. SRIKANTIAH (Nanjangud).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Education be pleased to state :—

(a) the authority under which the Government close to give effect to the Three Language Formula in the State of Mysore ;

(b) whether they, at any time have placed before the Assembly the question of accepting the three language formula for its views and if so, when and what is the resolution if any, adopted by the Houses ;

(c) whether they have been thinking of switching over to the two languages formula as to fall in line with the other Southern States like Madras ;

(d) whether they would consider the abolition of Hindi in Schools in view of the fact that pass in Hindi is no longer insisted ?

A.—Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Education).—

(a) Education is a State subject under the Indian Constitution. Subjects to be taught in schools under the control of Government, can be decided by the State Government.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) No.

Supply of Art Silk

96. Sri N. LOKAYYA NAIK (Virajpet).—

Will the Minister for Development and Co-operation be pleased to state :—

(a) the value of the art silk supplied by the Mysore State Handloom Co-operative Society, to Weavers' Co-operative Society, Shanivarasanthe, Coorg District in 1960 ;

(b) whether there has been any misappropriation in the said society ;

(c) if so, the persons responsible for the same ?

(d) the action taken by them in this behalf ?

A.—(Sri P. M. NADGOUDA (Minister for Development and Co-operation).—

(a) Rs. 2,837-18 P.

(b) Yes.

(c) Sri B. S. Lakshmaiah Setty, Director; and Sri B. K. Santhaveerappa, Ex-President.

(d) A criminal case was lodged against the Director, Sri B. S. Lakshmaiah Setty for Rs. 2,512-67 P. and Rs. 78 on separate charge of misappropriation on 30th August 1963.

Sri B. K. Santhaveerappa the then President was responsible for the deficit of amount to the tune of Rs. 4,526-15 P. and an arbitration case was filed and decree obtained.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration to the accident that took place at Mahadeswara Betta on 27th February 1968.

Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration).—In response to the Calling Attention, I beg to state that Maha Shivarathri Festival in Mahadeswara Hill Temple attracts a large number of pilgrims. This year, the festival was on February 26th and the Car Festival on the 28th February and the usual bundobust arrangements had been made. This year the number of pilgrims was a little greater. This unfortunate incident happened on 27th February 1968. The Sub-Inspector of Police in charge of regulating the traffic at the junction of the main road and the bus stand road, noticed the ill-fated bus bearing No. MYN 3310 (Shivananda Service) parked in the middle of the road to set down the passengers. As this was obstructing traffic, the Sub-Inspector instructed the person in charge of the vehicle to have it removed to the bus stand. He got into the driving seat and started the bus after removing the stones which had been placed in front of the rear wheels of the bus as it was a down gradient. No sooner the bus started, it gathered speed and went down the road knocking down people and stopped at a distance of about 200 yards after getting into a ditch. The person in the driving seat abandoned the vehicle and escaped. The Sub-Inspector who was running behind the vehicle found 5 men and 1 woman crushed to death by the moving vehicle and several injured. The Deputy Superintendent of Police rushed to the spot on getting the information and later the Superintendent of Police also went there. He found that 17 persons had been injured, out of whom 1 died in the hospital and the condition of 5 serious.